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SUBJECT: NEW GVN MINISTER OF INFORMATION

REF: SAIGON A-88, MAY 4, 1974

1. BG PHAN HOA HIEP TOOK OFFICE APRIL 4 AS MINISTER OF INFORMATION

REPLACING ACTING MINISTER DR. HO VAN CHAM.

2. SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT, BG HIEP HAS SERVED FIRST AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE RVNAF DELEGATION TO THE FPJMC AND MORE RECENTLY AS THE LATEST CHIEF OF THE RVNAF DELEGATION TO THE TPJMC. IN THIS POSITION, BG HIEP HAS SHOWN FLEXIBILITY AND IMAGINATION. HIS SKILLFUL HANDLING OF THE PRESS WITH WHOM HE ENJOYED RELATIVELY AMICABLE RELATIONS REPORTEDLY HAS EARNED HIM PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL AND AN UNUSUAL DEGREE OF FREEDOM IN DEALING WITH THE PRESS. CHAM WHO HAS BEEN SERVING CONCURRENTLY AS MINISTER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WILL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE THAT FUNCTION.

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COMMENT: THE GVN'S INEPT HANDLING OF INFORMATION DURING

THE BEGINNING PHASES OF THE NVA OFFENSIVE WAS WHOLLY UNEQUAL TO THE TASK OF MITIGATING THE SEVERE DEMORALIZATION CAUSED BY THE SUDDEN EVACUATION OF KONTUM AND PLEIKU AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS. WE EXPECT BG HIEP, WHO HAS AN APTITUDE FOR INFORMATION WORK AND IS WELL KNOWN TO PRESIDENT THIEU, WILL MAKE A REAL EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE INFORMATION MINISTRY. HOWEVER, DEGREE TO WHICH HE OBTAINS COOPERATION AND COORDINATION FROM HIS OWN AND OTHER MINISTERIES (INCLUDING THE PSYWAR DIRECTORATE) AND REAL FREEDOM AND SUPPORT FROM THE TOP WILL DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF HIS SUCCESS.

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